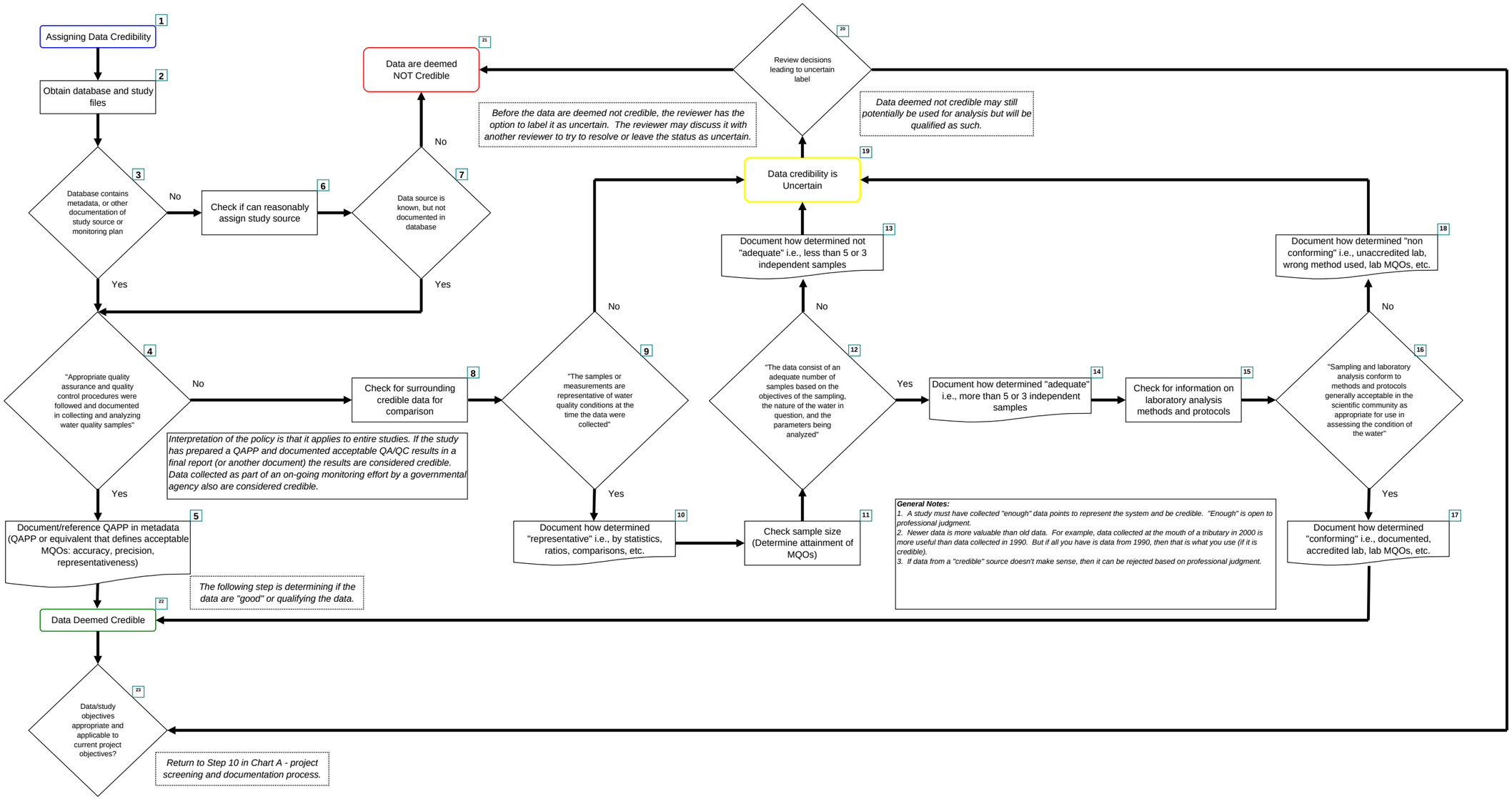
Flow Chart B -- for assigning data credibility based on "Ensuring Credible Data for Water Quality Management" Ecology Water Quality Program Policy, Chapter 2: WQP Policy 1-11



General Notes:

1. A study must have collected "enough" data points to represent the system and be credible. "Enough" is open to professional judgment.

2. Newer data is more valuable than old data. For example, data collected at the mouth of a tributary in 2000 is more useful than data collected in 1990. But if all you have is data from 1990, then that is what you use (if it is credible).

3. If data from a "credible" source doesn't make sense, then it can be rejected based on professional judgment.